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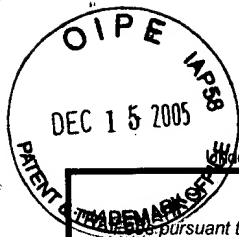
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Title: **Methods and Apparatus for
Communicating Commands and
Data Using Logical Channels**

Group Art Unit: 2631

Examiner: Burd, Kevin M.

REPLY BRIEF

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a Reply Brief under 37 CFR § 1.193 in response to the Examiner's Answer, dated
November 1, 2005.

REMARKS

A. Withdrawal of Rejection of Claim 55

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's statement in the Answer that he has found Appellant's arguments persuasive and has withdrawn his rejection of claim 55.

B. Rejection of Claims 1 and 4-53 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Lumpkin in view of Noyes

Applicant respectfully submits that each of independent claims 1, 4, 20, 31 and 42 recites that command information controls or is for controlling telephone line operations of the modem. It is the Examiner's position that the above limitations are disclosed in Lumpkin. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of Lumpkin and interpretation of the above limitations. In the Answer, the Examiner states that:

Lumpkin discloses for transfer of data from the DTE 200 through the data communications device 201 and to the network 104 (column 7, lines 49-51), commands are generated such as acknowledgements and interrupts to allow data transmission to the network to commence (column 7, line 65 to column 8, line 16). That data will be transferred through registers and then will be transmitted over the network (column 8, lines 10-16). Therefore, the command information controls the data transmitted or received over the telephone lines connecting the modem and the network. This is the "controlling telephone line operations of the modem" or the data pump. (Answer, Page 4, line 6 – Page 5, line 1.)

Applicant respectfully submits that "command information for controlling the data transmitted or received over the telephone lines" is sharply different than "command information for controlling the telephone line operations of the modem." Therefore, the Examiner's conclusion is incorrect.

Those of ordinary skill in the art of modem design and communication understand that a

modem has two distinct interfaces, namely a DTE (data terminal equipment) interface and a DCE (data circuit equipment) interface. The DTE interface of the modem is utilized for communication between a local computer or terminal and the modem. The DCE interface, on the other hand, is utilized for communication over the telephone line with a remote modem.

In Lumpkin, the DTE interface includes a DMA (direct memory access), and the commands in Lumpkin, which are relied upon by the Examiner, are for controlling the DMA, or as the Examiner puts it, in Lumpkin, “command information controls the data transmitted or received over the telephone lines.” In other words, the command information of Lumpkin controls or manages the data and not the DCE operation of the modem, and the data simply passes through the DCE to the remote modem and does not control the telephone line operations of the modem. Therefore, contrary to the Examiner’s conclusion, Lumpkin’s commands are for controlling the operations of the DMA at the DTE interface.

On the other hand, independent claims of the present application recite “command information for controlling the telephone line operations” of the modem, i.e. the commands for controlling the DCE interface. This is a key distinction between Lumpkin and the invention of independent claims 1, 4, 20, 31 and 42.

For example, “a command to call a telephone number,” as recited in the independent claims, instructs the DCE to take the telephone line off-hook and to generate DTMF tones or pulses on the telephone line for dialing a phone number. As a further example, “a command to answer an incoming call,” as recited in the independent claims, instructs the DCE to take the telephone line off-hook for answering an incoming call. As stated in the Appeal Brief, Appellant does not contend that “a command to call a telephone number” and “a command to answer an

incoming call” are novel modem commands; however, it is Appellant’s contention that these example commands illuminate the sharp contrast between the DMA commands at the DTE interface of the modem and the commands for controlling the telephone line operations of the modem.

In his Answer, the Examiner further references Appellant’s statement that “there is no teaching or suggestion in Lumpkin to divide the data information channel of the DMA into modem data information and modem command information, let alone any such teaching or suggestion by Noyes,” and the Examiner responds that claim 1 does include such limitation. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has misapprehended Appellant’s point. It is Appellant’s position that since the command channel in Lumpkin merely carries DMA commands, these commands are not passed on to the modem command processing for controlling the telephone operations of the modem. Since, in Lumpkin, merely the data within the data channel reaches the modem command processing, if there are any commands for controlling the telephone line operations of the modem, such commands must be embedded in the data channel of Lumpkin; however, there is no teaching in Lumpkin that the data channel is further divided to include a logical channel for carrying the commands for controlling the telephone line operations of the modem and a logical channel for carrying the data. Therefore, Lumpkin could not possibly pass on commands from the DMA to the modem command processing on a logical command channel for controlling the telephone line operations of the modem. However, independent claims 1, 4, 20, 31 and 42 of the present application clearly recite a logical channel division such that, for example, a logical command channel carries command information for controlling telephone line operations of the modem and a logical data

channel carries data.

Furthermore, neither Lumpkin nor Noyes remotely suggests the desirability of modifying Lumpkin to include a logical channel for carrying commands for controlling the telephone line operations of the modem.

Accordingly, Appellant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 4, 20, 31 and 42, and their respective dependent claims, should be allowed.

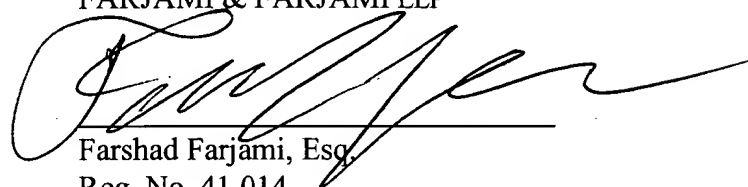
C. Rejection of Claim 54 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Lumpkin in view of Noyes, and further in view of Johnson

It is respectfully submitted that claim 54 depends from claim 4 and should be allowed for the reasons stated above and in the Appeal Brief.

D. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing reasons, the present invention, as defined by independent claims 1, 4, 20, 31 and 42, and claims depending therefrom, is patentably distinguishable over the art cited by the Examiner. Appellant respectfully requests a favorable decision on claims 1 and 4-54 pending in the present application.

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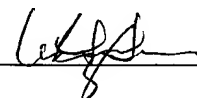
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